

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 20, lines 25 through 27 with the following amended paragraph:

As seen in Fig. 5, sample well 62 includes porous support 34 that deactivates a nucleic acid amplification inhibitor, e.g., an insert of IsoCode® paper. Porous support 34 is placed at lower end 98 of sample well 62.

Please replace the paragraph at page 21, lines 16 through 18 with the following amended paragraph:

During operation, a raw sample is introduced in sample well 62 and into contact with porous support 34 for instance through the hinged lid described above. No further access to cartridge 60 is necessary.

Please replace the paragraph at page 21, lines 19 through 22 with the following amended paragraph:

Selective fluid communication between sample well 62 and input chambers 64, 66, 68 and 70 is established in an order established by the protocol being used. Various reagents and fluid(s) are directed to sample well 62 and to porous support 34 via plungers or other suitable means, as discussed above.